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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Mr. Robert Michaels on Retention of  
Sensitive Documents

1. Mr. Michaels, House Appropriations Committee staff, advised that he has reviewed the materials he holds and that although he does hold items of code word sensitivity from the military departments, Agency code word sensitive items that he previously held were returned with the exception of the budget books. He was somewhat interested in the fact that we appeared to be checking only sensitive documentation that had originated in the Agency that was being held by him, rather than being interested in items of the same classification regardless of who had furnished them. I advised that we did not presume to question documentation provided by other agencies or departments, that our interest is assisting him and the Committee with regard to documents which had been acquired from the Agency. He agreed that this is a reasonable and proper approach to the subject.

2. At the conclusion of the conversation, Mr. Michaels indicated that he would review his other documentation and that he might suggest to other departments that they take back such items that are not presently required by the Committee.

  
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